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09/617,600 Application. No: June 13, 2000 Filed: Inventor(s): Robert E. Dye, Darshan Shah, Steve Rogers, Greg Richardson, and Dean A. Luick Title: **Graphical Programming** System with Distributed Block Diagram Execution and Front Panel Display Unknown Examiner: Group/Art Unit: Unknown

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please add the following new claims:

A method for executing a graphical program, the method comprising: executing the graphical program on a first computer;

providing information regarding a user interface of the graphical program to a

second computer during said executing; and

displaying the user interface of the graphical program on the second computer after said providing.

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